

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A blowgun comprising:

a barrel having a proximal portion with a discharge opening and a distal portion with a first opening and a second opening;

a mouthpiece movably coupled to the distal portion of the barrel, wherein the mouthpiece is movable between a first position and a second position, the mouthpiece further comprising a load opening;

wherein the mouthpiece has a first portion that is configured to receive a blast of air from a user's mouth and a second portion that provides at least part of the blast to the second opening of the distal portion; and

wherein the load opening of the mouthpiece and the first opening of the distal portion form a continuous path that allows insertion of a projectile therethrough when the mouthpiece is in the first position, and wherein the continuous path is disrupted when the mouthpiece is in the second position.
2. The blowgun of claim 1 further comprising a tubular container coupled to the barrel, wherein the container is configured to retain the projectile.
3. The blowgun of claim 2 further comprising a retaining element coupled to the barrel, wherein the retaining element is configured to retain a pushrod that is configured to allow retrieving of the projectile from the tubular container.
4. The blowgun of claim 3 wherein the projectile comprises a soft material that retains a fluid on an outer surface of the material.
5. The blowgun of claim 4 wherein the pushrod is configured to retain the fluid, and wherein the projectile is stored in the tubular container while soaked with at least part of the fluid.

6. The blowgun of claim 1 wherein the mouthpiece is slidably coupled to the distal portion of the barrel.
7. The blowgun of claim 1 wherein the continuous path is substantially sealed when the mouthpiece is in the second position.
8. The blowgun of claim 1 wherein the continuous path is straight.
9. The blowgun of claim 1 wherein the first and second openings of the distal portion of the barrel coincide.
10. A blowgun having a barrel and a mouthpiece movably coupled to the barrel, wherein a projectile is manually loaded into the barrel through the mouthpiece when the barrel is in a first position relative to the mouthpiece, and wherein the projectile is propelled from the barrel by a blast from a user's mouth through the mouthpiece when the barrel is in a second position relative to the mouthpiece.
11. The blowgun of claim 10 wherein the mouthpiece is slidably coupled to the barrel.
12. The blowgun of claim 11 wherein each of the mouthpiece and the barrel have an opening, and wherein the openings form a continuous channel when the barrel is in a first position relative to the mouthpiece.
13. The blowgun of claim 12 wherein the projectile comprises a soft material that retains a fluid on an outer surface of the material.
14. The blowgun of claim 11 further comprising a tubular container coupled to the barrel, wherein the container is configured to retain the projectile.
15. The blowgun of claim 14 further comprising a retaining element coupled to the barrel, wherein the retaining element is configured to retain a pushrod that is configured to allow retrieving of the projectile from the tubular container.